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DECLARATION UNDER RULE § 1.131

We, Christian Huber, Herbert Oberacher and Andreas Premstaller, hereby declare that:

1. We are co-inventors in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/770,410 filed June 7, 2000 and are most familiar with the subject matter of this application and the research effort which lead to the discovery of the instant invention. All the work described in the following paragraph occurred at the Institute of Analytical Chemistry and Radiochemistry in

Innsbruck, Austria, a recognized WTO member country since January 1, 1995.

2. We have reviewed Gusev et al. ((September 1999) *J. Chromatography* 855:273-290) and find that this reference describes a porous monolithic packing prepared with polystyrene-divinylbenzene support which is covalently attached to a fused silica capillary inner wall treated with a coupling agent trimethoxysilyl propyl methacrylate to provide anchoring sites for grafting of the polymer to the silica surface. The median pore radius for a monolithic sample prepared with ethanol is, as estimated by Gusev, about 5 micrometers.

3. Our invention referenced above, teaches a device for separating a mixture of polynucleotides by ion pair-reversed phase-high performance liquid chromatography. The device comprises a polymeric monolith having non-polar chromatographic surfaces. The monolith comprises an underivatized poly-(styrene/divinylbenzene) matrix and is contained within a tube having an inner diameter in the range of 1 to 1000 micrometers.

4. Laboratory protocol notebooks regarding experiments related to this invention were kept by Andreas Premstaller as a Ph.D. student under the direction of Christian Huber.

5. Andreas Premstaller worked in Christian Huber's laboratory during 1998 and 1999.

6. According to laboratory protocol notebooks submitted herewith, the first synthesis of PS/DVB monolith using decanol and tetrahydrofuran as porogens was performed on August 6, 1998. We then succeeded in a first separation of proteins (lysosome from beta-lactoglobulin B) in a PS/DVB monolithic column on August 25, 1998. See, e.g., the chromatograph at the bottom right-hand corner of the fourth laboratory notebook page.

The first successful separation of oligonucleotides on a PS/DVB monolith synthesized with decanol/THF as porogens was February 9, 1999.

7. We were able to fully practice our invention described in the above-referenced patent application prior to the date of the publication of the Gusev paper. A copy of the relevant laboratory notebook pages hereby accompanies my declaration.

We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

August 30, 2006 Christian Huber
Date Christian Huber, Ph.D.

Date Herbert Oberacher, Ph.D.

Date Andreas Premstaller, Ph.D.

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Date	Christian Huber, Ph.D.
30.8.2006	Herbert Oberacher
Date	Herbert Oberacher, Ph.D.
Date	Andreas Premstaller, Ph.D.

The first successful separation of oligonucleotides on a PS/DVB monolith synthesized with decanol/THF as porogens was February 10, 1999.

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Date — Christian Huber, Ph.D.

Date — Herbert Oberacher, Ph.D.

25.07.2006
Date — Andreas Premstaller, Ph.D.

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Monolithsynthese mit THF

C10OH nicht 20 ... 38 ?

Nr.	Datum	Kapillare ID/OD [µm]	Polymerisationsmischung Styrol [ml]	DVB [ml]	AIBN [g]	C12OH [ml]	THF [ml]	Temperatur [°C]
M11_1	05.08.98	320/450 WBH06A, 20 cm, vs	1.00	1.00	0.050	3.00	0.00	70, TS
M11_2	05.08.98	320/450 WBH06A, 20 cm, vs	1.00	1.00	0.050	2.90	0.10	70, TS
M11_3	05.08.98	320/450 WBH06A, 20 cm, vs	1.00	1.00	0.050	2.80	0.20	70, TS
M11_4	05.08.98	320/450 WBH06A, 20 cm, vs	1.00	1.00	0.050	2.70	0.30	70, TS
M11_5	05.08.98	320/450 WBH06A, 20 cm, vs	1.00	1.00	0.050	2.60	0.40	70, TS

THF sollte können [illegible] ähnlicher als Toluol

THF destilliert, da mit Radikalfänger (Phenol) stabilisiert.

Ausgangsmaterial: VS 3.8.98 trocken

THF dest.

Start: 6.8.98 10°° h   T = 70°C

Ende: 7.8.98 12°° h   T = 20°C

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M11_1   16 cm

Fluß [µl/min]	Gegendruck [bar]	[bar/cm]
5	1	0.06
10	1	0.06
25	4	0.25
50	7	0.44
100	14	0.88
150	21	1.31
200	28	1.75
k [bar cm⁻¹ µl⁻¹ min]		0.008712

M11_2   15 cm

Fluß [µl/min]	Gegendruck [bar]	[bar/cm]
10	1	0.07
25	4	0.27
50	8	0.53
100	14	0.93
150	20	1.33
200	25	1.67
k [bar cm⁻¹ µl⁻¹ min]		0.008303

M11_3   15 cm   constant pressure

Fluß [µl/min]	Gegendruck [bar]	[bar/cm]
10	1	0.07
25	3	0.20
50	6	0.40
100	11	0.73
150	14	0.93
200	19	1.27
k [bar cm⁻¹ µl⁻¹ min]		0.006114

M11_4   16 cm

Fluß [µl/min]	Gegendruck [bar]	[bar/cm]
5	9	0.56
10	14	0.88
25	32	2.00
50	68	4.25
100	126	7.88
150	180	11.25
k [bar cm⁻¹ µl⁻¹ min]		0.074602

M11_5   16 cm   200bar Gegendruck

Fluß [µl/min]	Gegendruck [bar]	[bar/cm]
1	21	1.31
2	33	2.06
3	49	3.06
4	63	3.94
5	77	4.81
7	92	5.75
10	170	10.63
12	184	11.50
k [bar cm⁻¹ µl⁻¹ min]		0.963149

Anteil THF [% Porogen]	Steigung k [bar cm⁻¹ µl⁻¹ min]
0.0%	0.00871
3.3%	0.00830
6.7%	0.00611
10.0%	0.07460
13.3%	0.96315

Mikroskop: 55 Skalenteile: 450 µ   1 Teilstr. → 8 µm

M11_1 kleine Poren ~3µ

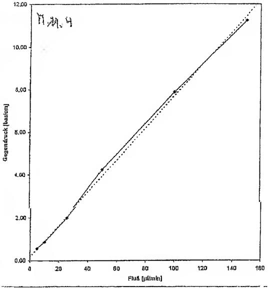
sehr porös.

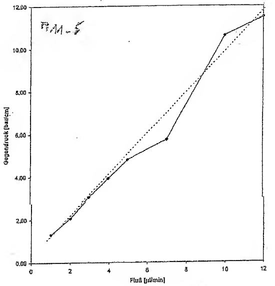
M11_2 große Poren, nicht gleichmäßig

M11_3 große Poren, einzelne Kanäle (gut ...)

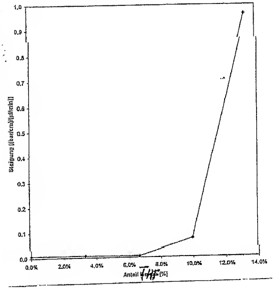
M11_4 sehr dicht, keine Risse, porös, da nicht genau zu sehen

M11_5 keine Mikrostruktur zu erkennen.





Abhängigkeit des Gegendrucks vom Anteil an THF im Porogengemisch



Als nächstes Versuch zwischen MM-4 und MM-5 genauer untersuchen.

Für HPLC MM-4 und MM-5 testen.

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JM 11.5 vom 6.8.98
kein Injektor 240bar / 5 µl/min

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SYKAM, 130 µl/min → Split → 4.6 µl/min
2 min 11sec / 10 µl
2 min 30sec / 4 µl/min

Equilibrium:
(A) H_2O, 0.1% TFA
(B) ACN, 0.1% TFA
50% A, 14.50 –

Edelstahl-T-Stück statt regelbares T-Stück
10 µl, 2 min 15sec $\frac{10}{2.25}$ 4.44 µl/min

Bedingungen:
Thioharnstoff 0.05% in H_2O 50% ACN, 0.1% TFA
p ≙ 200 bar

100% H_2O, 0.1% TFA: Proteine zeigen keinen Peak → klebt an Kapillare?
Thioharnstoff nach ca. 1.50 min
50% ACN, 0.1% TFA: Proteine gleichzeitig mit Thioharnstoff: keine Retention
RIBA

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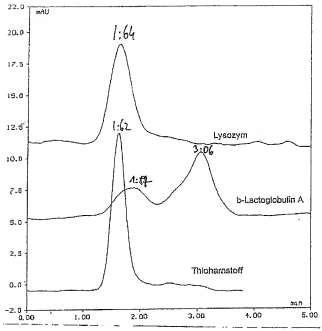
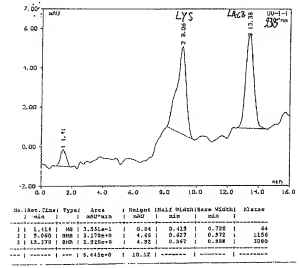
50% ACN, 0.1% TFA: Protein zurückgehalten, eluiert als Peak.
LAC A.
LYS keine Retention

Nun 40% ACN:



50% ACN, 0.1% TFA
Mi Einfach Protein
Protein im LACA bei 50% ACN



Einfache Proteintrennung:
Lys, LACB mi 1mg/mL, 20uL Inj.
20 - 60% ACN / 15min, 0.1% TFA
4.5 ml/min Fluß
215 nm

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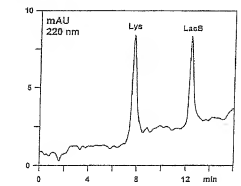

Separation of proteins in a monolithic capillary column

Column, PS-DVB (monolith, 100 × 0.32 mm); chromatographic conditions, mobile phase, (A) H_2O, 0.1% TFA, (B) ACN, 0.1% TFA, linear gradient, 30-60% B in 5 min; flow rate, 4.5 µl min^{-1}; temperature, 25 °C; detection, UV, 220 nm; sample, lysozyme, β-lactoglobuline B, 20 ng each.

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Versuch einer Trennung von Oligonukleotiden im Monolithen M13.5

M13-5

l = 87 mm, id = 200 µm

Eluenten: A: 50 mM TEAA pH 6.8

B: 50 mM TEAA 20% ACN pH 6.8

Temperatur: 50°C

Splitkapillare TSP025375, 6 cm   Fluß 120 / 3.3 µl/min / 94 bar

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Trennung von dT_8, dT_{16}

Peakbreite mit Gradient 0–100% B/10min: 0.11 min = 6.6 s

Trennung mit dT_{12-18}

verschiedene Gradienten versucht.

gute Trennung: 30-50% B/10min

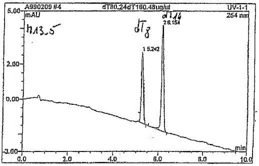
6 – 10% ACN/10min

Operator:c72551 Timebase:A990209 Sequence:A990209 — Page 4-1, 10.2.1999 2:35 PM

4 dT80.24dT160.48µg/µl

0-100%B/10min;A:50mMTEAApH6.8,B:50mMTEAA20%ACNpH6.8;120/3.3µl/min;0:2min;50°C

Sample Name:	dT80.24dT160.48µg/µl	Injection Volume:	20.0 nl
Control Program:		Channel:	UV-1-1
Quantif. Method:	OLIGO1	Recording Time:	09.02.99 19:00



No.	Ret.Time min	Area mAU*min	Height mAU	Half Width min	Plates (EP)	Asymmetry (AIA)
1	5.242	0.450	4.053	0.108	13593	1.303
2	6.154	0.744	6.008	0.111	16926	1.331
Total:		1.194	10.061			.

Operator:c72551 Timebase:A990209 Sequence:A990209 — Page 11-1, 10.2.1999 2:34 PM

11 dT12-18 0.25µg/µl

30-50%B/10min;A:50mMTEAApH6.8,B:50mMTEAA20%ACNpH6.8;120/3.3µl/min;0:2min;50°C

Sample Name:	dT12-18 0.25µg/µl	Injection Volume:	20.0 nl
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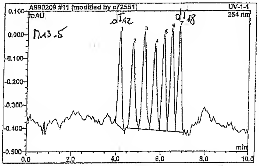

No.	Ret.Time min	Area mAU*min	Height mAU	Half Width min	Plates (EP)	Asymmetry (AIA)
1	4.158	0.075	0.405	0.175	3142	1.050
2	4.707	0.071	0.264	0.178	3889	1.551
3	5.224	0.088	0.420	0.192	4101	1.246
4	5.709	0.073	0.370	0.180	5552	1.084
5	6.122	0.082	0.412	0.189	5813	n.a.
6	6.483	0.086	0.441	0.182	7042	n.a.
7	6.835	0.082	0.454	0.171	8886	n.a.
Total:		0.556	2.866			